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Merit Award Preservation Plan Roundtable Monday in Grand Rapids

What: Merit Award Preservation Plan Roundtable Discussion

When: Monday, May 19, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Grand Rapids Community College, Applied Technology Center, Heritage

Restaurant

Who: Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Wyoming)

Senator Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood)

Confirmed Guest

Speakers: Dr. Juan Olivarez, President, Grand Rapids Community College

Mr. Mark Murray, President, Grand Valley State University

Mr. Tom McWhertor, Vice President for Enrollment & External Affairs,

Calvin College

Mr. Matt McLogan, Vice President for University Relations, Grand Valley

State University

Mr. Charles Sturdivant, Assistant Superintendent, Grand Rapids Public

Schools

Ms. Phyllis Hooyman, Director of Financial Aid, Hope College Mr. Dan VanPernis, Guidance Counselor, Kentwood High School

Ms. Sara Haines, Parent, Rockford High School

Brief: Legislators will by joined by invited local school board members,

educators, higher education representatives, impacted families and students to discuss the Merit Award Scholarship Preservation Plan at

Grand Rapids Community College on Monday, May 19, at 9:30a.m.